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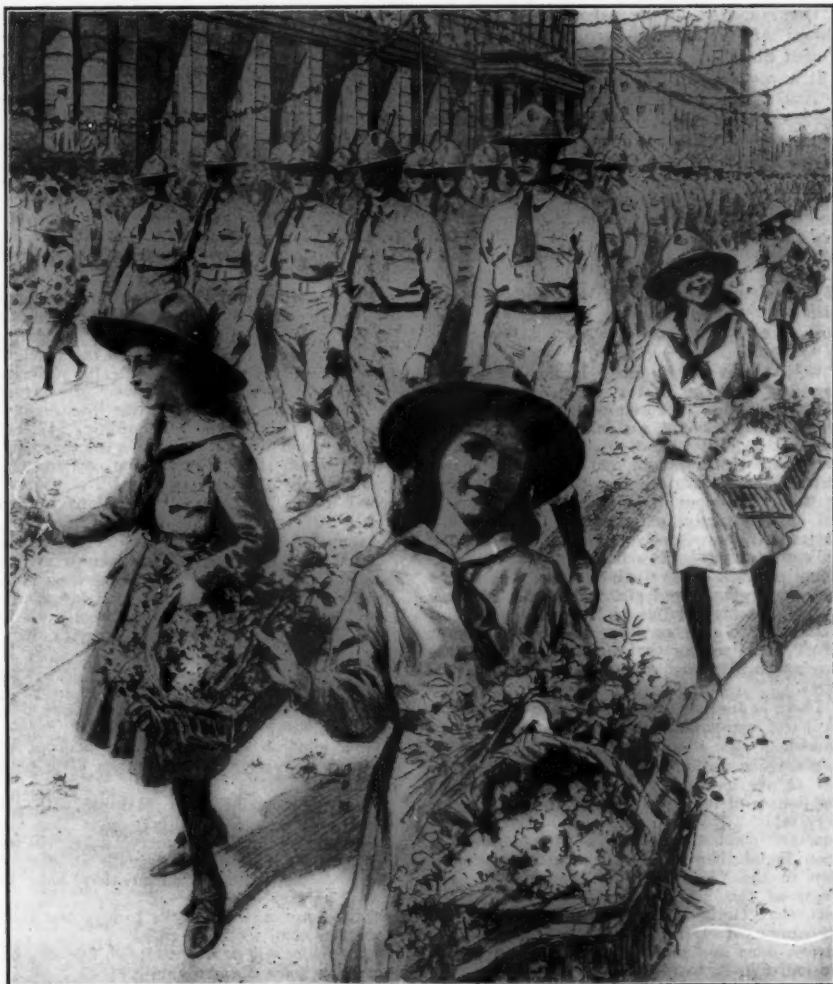
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As France Sees the Girl Scouts



This picture, representing the Girl Scouts of Cincinnati throwing flowers at the feet of American soldiers about to depart for France, was published as a full-page feature of a recent issue of *L'ILLUSTRATION*, the great French illustrated weekly. It is reprinted here by special arrangement with the editors of that journal.

Americans For America

How Girls Scouts May Serve in a Great National Campaign

America First! In its latest significance this slogan, implanted as it is in the heart of every Girl Scout, has assumed a new and stirring meaning.

Under the banner thus emblazoned Girl Scouts have enlisted in one of the greatest and most far-reaching campaigns ever undertaken in the country, a campaign organized by the National Bureau of Education, and directed by Dr. H. H. Wheaton, of the National Committee of One Hundred, to bring about the Americanization of the foreign-born citizens of the United States.

It is a campaign far reaching in its present activities, vital in the national war crisis, and limitless in the extent of its future significance to the national life. By subscribing to it Girl Scouts have pledged themselves to co-operate in every possible way to promote the unqualified allegiance of each foreign-born citizen to the United States; to nationalize the use of the English language; to induce the 3,000,000 non-English speaking immigrants to attend evening school; to stimulate the amalgamation of the many races and nationalities residing within our borders into one people; and to oppose all efforts to break down our national unity and solidarity.

With the steady increase in the number of so-called suffrage states the matter of the Americanization of foreign-born citizens takes on a new significance, a significance that brings the responsibility for it right to the door of every American woman and girl with the interest of her country at heart. Under the laws as they exist many thousands of women without any knowledge of our language or of our national life are given a voice in the making of our laws and the determining of our national policies. It is distinctly the work of the American woman and girl with an understanding of the high duties and responsibilities of citizenship to give her deepest thought and best effort to extending that understanding to the foreign-born women who share her legal privileges.

There is another urgent aspect to the America First campaign, which must not be overlooked.

We are a nation at war. The enemy, while not at our gates, is yet, in some of his most insidious and dangerous manifestations, in our very midst. No more active and efficient weapon for combating German propaganda has been found than vigorous concerted co-operation in the "America First" campaign. The proof of this assertion may be found in the fact that German intrigue, according to the statement of Dr. Wheaton, has turned its forces, open and secret, against the movement. To enlist in it, to participate in it to the fullest extent, is to put oneself directly into the national service.

The most direct and appropriate service Girl Scouts can give is to co-operate actively with

the agencies that exist and that are organizing for forwarding the movement. This may be done in one way by some troops, and in other ways by other troops. One of the best things about Girl Scouts is the elasticity, which permits each group to take the line made advisable by local conditions.

Girl Scouts can be of great assistance in helping arrange the "America First" meetings which the committees in each city are projecting. There will be many posters to put up, much literature to be distributed, and many errands to be done. Indeed it is wholly practicable for Scouts to arrange such meetings themselves and to secure through their own efforts and enthusiasm the attendance of as many foreign-born people as they possibly can. The "America First" committee in each city will furnish speakers and posters for such meetings, and will assist in every possible way, but the Girl Scouts themselves should, so far as they are able, assume full responsibility for the undertaking. Co-operation, particularly with a great national movement of this kind means no less giving of service than receiving of benefits.

The importance of English as the instrument of Americanization cannot be overestimated. Of it Dr. Wheaton says: "Knowledge of English is the open sesame by which the foreigner comes in contact with our wonderful American civilization. It is likewise the way of approach for the foreign woman to American acquaintanceship and American friendship. Without this the alien woman will be a stranger in a strange land, shut off from the enjoyment of the privileges of American social life, and compelled to confine her social relations to those of her own nationality.

As an organization Girl Scouts are already enlisted in the America First campaign. As troops they should inform themselves immediately of its plan and scope. All information may be obtained by writing directly to Dr. H. H. Wheaton, Director, "America First" Campaign, Washington, D. C.

Meantime here are some questions, which every troop should put to itself to prove the complete practicability of every Scout doing some one thing for "America First."

How many have ever tried to help protect or teach a foreign girl speaking little or no English?

How many could get acquainted with girls of some foreign nationality?

How many, for their country's sake, will take the trouble to make friends with at least one young foreign woman whom they have not known before?

How many will undertake to help one young foreign woman learn English?

How many will try to establish friendly contact with some foreign family?

Will this troop, if arrangements can be made, give an entertainment, lecture, or some special party for the women of some English class already meeting?

Scout For "America First"

By MRS. FRANK H. BLISS

Assistant to Executive Chairman, National Committee of One Hundred

Perhaps you have had quoted to you at school the words of a great man, who once said: "America is another word for opportunity." To you Girl Scouts—who are making yourselves known the country over as ever ready to do your bit, and do it ten times over, if need be,—to you let me say, "America First" is another name for opportunity."

Everyone of you has shown, by joining the Girl Scouts, that you are ready and eager to be as near the home firing line as possible in this world-wide war. You want to give the United States all the service in your power. If you truly wish to give your country the best that is in you, join the "America First" Campaign today! In no finer way and by no more helpful means can you Girl Scouts serve the United States today than by working for "America First." A great many kinds of patriotic service you are obliged to leave to your fathers and mothers,—but not "America First." It would be very hard indeed to think of any kind of national service where school girls are so well-prepared to help as in this great campaign.

"But what's it all about?" you ask. I wonder if it is possible that you have not heard.

In the United States today are more than three million people who cannot speak the English language. In our training camps are thousands of drafted men who cannot be trained to be soldiers until they have been taught English. They do not know what our flag stands for. They do not know the real reason why they have been called to fight beneath those Stars and Stripes. They do not know the flag salute, nor what it means. Still living in their homes here are many, many thousands of these foreigners. Later some of them will probably be called to join our army; and others will remain and try to fill in shop and factory the places left by our fathers and brothers who have gone across the sea to "Somewhere in France."

We, everyone of us, dearly love our own American life, our own American customs. Yet if this great mass of foreigners can not speak our language, and can not read our newspapers, how can we hope that they will ever come to understand our customs, and the privileges and responsibilities of living in these United States? How dare we hope that they will ever become true Americans? Yet they must! Do you know that one of the biggest factors in winning this war is going to be "A United People Back of the Fighting Line?"

What have we today behind that fighting line? A nation without a common language—a people disunited!

Here, then, Girl Scouts, lies your opportunity. When? Today. Where? In your own city; your own school; your own neighborhood. Won't you do your bit?

Girl Scouts, make the foreign people about you hear "American First"—see "America First"—think "America First" every day! All this is service which you will be proud and glad to give the foreigners who have come to our shores,—for the sake of this country which we all love. Look to the day when everyone in this country who is old enough to speak at all, can say "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," and understand the meaning of those blessed words.

A Message From Mr. Hoover

Dear Girl Scouts:

The Food Administration appreciates the response that you have given to their suggestions for helping to win the war. As the days go by the need for aiding our Allies with food increases.

They are fighting our war and must have our food because they could not raise their own and fight too. Our supply to them depends very largely on what we are able to SAVE because our surplus in some cases is already exhausted.

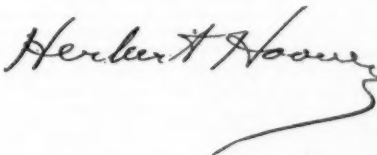
So we beg of you—help by doing without candy and observe meatless and wheatless meals just as often as you can.

You have plenty of fruits, vegetables, chicken, fish and fresh milk, which cannot be shipped abroad, but our soldiers and our Allies need the meat, wheat, fat and sugar.

You can also help very much by explaining to those who do not understand how necessary it is to save the foodstuffs which are exportable. In your social affairs try to have simple conservation refreshments—if any. For sweets, use nuts and raisins or fig and nut paste, instead of candy. Have rye bread sandwiches, or corn and oatmeal wafers with your salads.

You can do very much to help win the war in just such ways. Then you must keep yourself well and cheery, and that will help everybody.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs. Harold Pratt, of New York, has been elected to the Executive Board for a term of three years. Mrs. Pratt has also accepted the post of Commissioner of New York City.

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Resolved: To Serve

Your New Year's resolution is made.
 No? Oh, yes it is. The World War made it for you.

Could you—when the chimes rang out their message of new promise, new hope, new life—could you, as has been your wont, stand complacent in the magnificent white arc of national hope and plan your own little pleasures, your own little joys, your own little life?

Could you—on the threshold of an era that spells national service—look down the long vista of months with only a vision of your own little ambitions at the end? Could you hoard your savings into a paltry miserly heap, when your savings and my savings could weld a golden shield for the nation to carry forth into the battle for liberty and democracy? Could you bear to contemplate your hands folded in luxury and idleness while thousands of hands and hearts toiled for your freedom?

No. Your resolution is made. It was made in your heart before the chimes stopped ringing. It was made of big thoughts, big things and an all embracing love. It did not concern you alone. It took into account the whole big American family—the brothers and sisters, the fathers and mothers, the children of the nation.

Now as the country plunges deeper and deeper into war, as American soldiers fight and fall in first line trenches and American sailors bear the brunt of sea attacks; now when more

and more men are being called away from their homes and families; and the old folks have to take up the duties that the young folks leave behind; now when the youth have to carry burdens that were meant for other shoulders, and when children need care that their mothers cannot give them; now,—you cannot be content to do your bit—the national need demands your utmost.

The Red Cross has thrown its doors open and called for more help. It needs your busy fingers to fold bandages that may save your brother and mine. It needs your clicking needles to weave garments that will keep the fighting force warm and the wounded comfortable. It needs you to go into the homes of the men who are fighting your fight to cheer their loved ones and lighten the burden of their children. It is the biggest chance that you, as a Girl Scout, have to serve your country. The work that you do "over here" carries "over there" and if it shortens the war by but a day it may save thousands and thousands of lives.

The efforts that you expend in getting subscriptions for Liberty Loans, the pennies that you lay aside for thrift stamps, the small sacrifices that you make in keeping your food pledge—all these build up a great weapon that will bring victory to your nation.

Was there ever another year that you looked forward to with such eager desire, such vitalized energy? Was there ever another year that offered such inspiration for service, such rewards for deeds well done, such joy in anticipation of the work to come?

RUTH G. BOWMAN.

It is with the greatest gratification that **THE RALLY** calls the attention of Girl Scouts and their leaders to the fact that this number contains the announcement of the co-operation of their organization in three governmental enterprises of national scope, the "America First" campaign under the Bureau of Education, Department of the Interior; the Canning Clubs under the Department of Agriculture and the United States Employment Service under the Department of Labor.

To these may be added the notable endorsement of the Girl Scout activity in the work of the Food Administration, which is contained in the personal letter from Mr. Herbert Hoover, an endorsement which brings with it the obligation of renewed and serious effort.

Such affiliations as these are significant of the growth of Girl Scouts and the steady advance of the organization toward a broad nationalism.

Girl Scouts were the fortunate beneficiaries of a fine bit of Christmas thoughtfulness on the part of Mr. Felix Warburg, the New York banker. Mr. Warburg sent National Headquarters a check with the request that the acknowledgement of it be sent to one of his friends with the statement that he felt that in times like these Christmas presents to his friends were out of place, and that he was sending instead checks to those organizations in which these friends were especially interested.

A Bit of "Over There"

What It Means To Be An English Girl Guide in War Time

By JULIETTE LOW

Would any Girl Scout care to begin a correspondence with our Allies, and write to a sister Girl Guide?

I have received a letter which I am sure will interest you and which I am publishing so that you all may enjoy it. Although the writer, Christian Bower, has already found a correspondent in Troop 53, New York, yet I know more than two hundred Girl Guides in London and Scotch troops who would, I am sure, like to write to you.

As you will read elsewhere in *THE RALLY* every girl of Christian's troop now has a correspondent, but if you care to correspond with other Girl Guides you will have the opportunity to learn much of their way of doing war work. You will also understand better their point of view of the war. Even the geography of their country, and the towns, and country houses will seem more familiar to you when you are in touch with your sister Girl Guides.

Any Girl Scout who, after reading Christian's letter wishes to correspond with a Girl Guide, may send her name and address to me at National Headquarters, Girl Scouts, 527 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Here is Christian's letter:

Dear Mrs. Low:

I hope you will not mind my writing to you, but I should so much like to correspond with an American Girl Guide—or is it a Scout? I have always wanted to get in touch with one of my sister Guides in the United States, but now that you have joined us in this great war, I want to still more. Would you be so kind as to put me in touch with one? I should be so grateful if you would.

I have often read in our *GIRL GUIDE GAZETTE* of the doings of our sisters across the Atlantic. I am sixteen and a half years of age, and I have been a Girl Guide since I was eleven. I am now running a little company of my own—I can only have one patrol as I am under age. I love the work and I am glad to say my patrol is doing very well. At present we are collecting all the horse chestnuts we can as they are needed for some government work. I saw some of your sailors the other day at a certain big port, and when I was up in London, I saw quite a number of your soldiers.

I hope the war will be over soon. Everyone belonging to me is "out there" or wounded in the hospital. A number have been killed—one is very proud of them. My father was a Major in the Kings Royal Rifles, and he saw a great lot of fighting in Africa, Egypt, etc. He got the order of St. Michael and St.

George for his service, but was unfortunately severely wounded and had to leave the army. He then became Chief Constable of the North Ridding of Yorkshire. He was, however, out at the front on the staff for eighteen months, but came home about a year ago, as his deputy died and the police couldn't do without him. What with Zeppelins, etc.!!! My only brother is a lieutenant in the navy, in a submarine.

Mother is head of the Red Cross here, and we have a hospital with sixty-four beds. My sister nurses in it. I go on duty and scrub floors, and do whatever work is necessary no matter how dirty it is.

We had a most successful parade the other day. My uncle, General McGregor, was holding a presentation of badges—war service badges for the Red Cross people and we attended, and were inspected. We were highly praised for smartness which pleased us very much.

I wonder if you have been over here since the war? I have never been to the United States, but would very much like to go, particularly to New York. It must be so different from London—especially in height. We call thirteen stories fearfully high for a building!

I have seen Zeppelins twice—once one was right over our house. Another time I saw one twenty miles away in a search light. Then to my great joy I saw one brought down in flames last November. I was thirty-five miles away, but one could read by the light of it!

I remain Madam, with best wishes to the Girl Scouts.

Yours obediently,

CHRISTIAN BOWER,
Acting Lieutenant,

1st Thirsk Company, B. P. Girl Guides,
Yorkshire, England.

Earned Their Own House

The only Girl Scout Troop in the United States, which has earned and paid for its own club house is Poppy Troop, Pikesville, Maryland, Mrs. Bolling Barton, captain. When the troop was first organized in 1912, it had difficulty in finding a meeting place convenient for all of its members. This convinced it that it must have a club house of its own. A town lot was secured from a friend, and a builder was found who agreed to put up the building and to allow the troop unlimited time to pay for it. Every cent has now been paid by the efforts of the members. The house contains a good sized meeting-room, a kitchen and a cupboard for storing furniture and garden tools. It is simply furnished in true scout style. In the rear of the house is a garden where summer crops of corn and tomatoes were raised. Beyond this is a basketball court.

Work of Committee on Standards

The first meeting of the Committee on Standards authorized by the National Convention was held on December 12 at National Headquarters. There were present: Mrs. Juliette Low, chairman ex-officio; Mrs. A. O. Choate, chairman; Miss Ada M. Gates; Miss Cora Nelson; Miss Edith Harper; Mrs. G. S. Huntington; Mrs. James J. Storrow, and Dr. Leland.

Much business was brought before the meeting, so much indeed that at the end of two long sessions, it was necessary to refer many matters to a sub-committee, consisting of Mrs. Low, Mrs. Choate and Dr. Leland for final action.

It was unanimously agreed that the committee recommend to the Executive Board that a National Court of Honor be appointed as soon as possible to pass on merit and proficiency badges for those troops not under a local council.

It was decided to eliminate in the first class tests the present alternative for swimming, twelve good turns, and to substitute two alternative tests, one physical and one mental. It was decided also to act on the suggestion made at convention, and eliminate the half salute.

Many matters in connection with the wearing of the uniform were discussed and settled. Among them were, that an officer should wear her uniform when with her troops, and that it was also advisable for her to wear it when officially representing Girl Scouts; that the usual procedure should be to wear the hat during the formal opening and closing ceremony of troop meetings and at all times on parade or exhibition; that when a Girl Scout is wearing the uniform she is not to wear army or navy insignia; that the brass Girl Scout pin may be worn by any Girl Scout when in uniform. Many other matters connected with the uniform were referred to the uniform committee.

Other matters discussed and acted upon by the committee were as follows: that the Girl Scout laws should be said as printed in the little brown information folder; that scouts pass their tenderfoot examinations before being registered at Headquarters, but that the captain be commissioned before registering her scouts; that troops must have an emblem which may be anything that grows: flower, tree, bush, etc.; that different troops be permitted to wear ties of different colors; that the latest corrected signal code be procured and corrected cards made available.

Important Announcement

After January 1, 1918, agencies for the sale of Girl Scout uniforms and equipment will be established in department stores in all cities where Girl Scouts are organized. Proper notice will be given by local dealers privileged to act as Girl Scout agents, and further announcements will be forthcoming from headquarters.

In small towns, where no agency is immediately established troops may learn from headquarters the nearest agency by which requirements will be met.

Insignia, khaki by the yard, patterns and buttons will not be sold through department stores, but must be purchased through National Headquarters as heretofore.

Mr. Sigmund Eisner will be the exclusive outfitter of the Girl Scouts as he is of the Boy Scouts of America. Department stores approved by National Headquarters will apply to Mr. Eisner for the privilege of selling the uniforms and must, under contract, pledge to sell them only to Girl Scouts who present a membership card, and an order countersigned by their captain.

Local Councils, which may wish to recommend particular shops or stores, should communicate at once with National Headquarters where their desires will receive full consideration.

The selling price of uniforms will be fixed by National Headquarters, and will be the same throughout the United States.

Co-operation with Canning Clubs

Co-operation between Girl Scouts and the Canning Clubs, organized under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture has become a reality. The Canning Club authorities, under the direction of Mr. O. B. Martin, have submitted to Headquarters eight proficiency tests which are now being considered by the Committee on Education. When these tests are accepted by Girl Scouts they will be incorporated in the regular Girl Scout program. The tests will be given by Canning Club experts. At Canning Club meetings, especially in the South, Girl Scout troops will have the privilege of giving demonstrations, while the Field Department will, from time to time, furnish speakers for such meetings. The Canning Clubs will display Girl Scouts literature and will keep it on file at their headquarters in Washington.

At the recent meeting in Washington of State Demonstrators of Canning Clubs for the southern states the story of Girl Scouts, of its activities and development, was received with the greatest interest, the workers gaining a new understanding of the wide-reaching influence of the movement. The state agent for Mississippi expressed the greatest enthusiasm, "I am so glad to know about Girl Scouts," she said, "Since hearing these things my whole attitude has changed. When I see Girl Scouts now my impulse will be for co-operation, and not, as hitherto, for appropriation."

At the request of the Boy Scouts of America the Executive Board, Girl Scouts, appointed at its last meeting a committee to confer informally with a similar committee from the Boy Scouts on points of difference between the two organizations. The committee named by the Executive Board is for conference only and is without power to act. It consists of Mrs. Juliette Low, Mrs. Arthur O. Choate, Mrs. James J. Storrow and Mrs. Harold Pratt. The committee from the Boy Scouts is made up of Colonel Colin H. Livingstone and Dr. Charles P. Neal, of Washington, and Mr. Mortimer L. Schiff, of New York.

News from the Field

The work of the Field Department has assumed such large and such interesting proportions that its news will henceforth be a regular feature of **THE RALLY** in order that everyone concerned with Girl Scouts may know just what is being accomplished in extending its pleasures and benefits to others.

We now have three National Field Captains engaged in the extension of scouting for girls. They are: Miss Cora Nelson, Miss Edith Valet and Miss Dorris Hough.

Miss Cora Nelson is at Ayer, Mass., actively co-operating with the authorities of the War and Navy Department Commission on Training Camp Activities. She is organizing a council with an executive board composed of representatives from each of four towns adjacent to Camp Devens, and is conducting a large and enthusiastic Captains' Class. Miss Nelson attended the National Training School for Girl Scout Leaders last summer at Brookline.

Miss Valet has, during the past month, organized a council at New London, Conn., the members of which were brought together through the efforts of Miss Beulah Noyes, Physical Director of the Y. W. C. A., who was also a member of the summer Training School. Miss Valet also spoke before the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs, held in Albany, and addressed several other gatherings of prominent women in that city. Two troops were started at once, and others are being organized.

Miss Dorris Hough, one of the most active and successful captains of New Bedford, and the Girl Scout fellow at Johns Hopkins University, is working to organize scouting in the state of Maryland. She spoke at the State Teachers' Convention at Baltimore, and at a patriotic meeting of women and girls at Savage, Md. So great was the enthusiasm that a troop of scouts was organized on the spot.

Through the generosity of Mrs. Annie Nathan Meyer, a prominent New York woman, the Field Department was able to present scouting for girls to a representative group of New York women gathered in Mrs. Meyer's drawing room the afternoon of December 10. The object of the meeting was to discuss the mobilization into Girl Scout troops of the Long Island girls living in the vicinity of the army training camps. Captain Thompson, U. S. M. R. C., was present and urged upon all scout leaders the absolute necessity of having the Scouts work for the soldiers in the girls' own homes and communities, and under no circumstances whatsoever to let this work take the girls into the camps.

Mrs. Edna Mary Colman, Girl Scout Commissioner of the District of Columbia, who did such a splendid piece of work in arranging the co-operation of the scouts with the Food Administration, is keeping in close touch with the national aspects of scout work as they are reflected in Washington, and is assisting in arranging the participation of this organization in all the developments of war time cookery and canning.

Quick Response from Scout to Guide

The war time letter to Mrs. Low from Christian Bower, an English Girl Guide, which is published in this issue of **THE RALLY**, has precipitated wherever it has been read, a veritable deluge of scout enthusiasm and American wholeheartedness. Golden Rod Troop No. 83, Manhattan, sought the privilege of answering it, a fact which need not deter any other troop which wishes to do likewise.

Christian wanted to correspond with one of her sister scouts in America. She did not guess what a response would meet her request! Each member of Golden Rod troop was so desirous of being the chosen one that the troop decided to take for granted that all Girl Guides were as anxious to know their scout sisters as Christian was. Each member has sent a letter to each Guide of Christian's troop. They have not only sent letters, but the troop as a whole has sent an American flag, and the girls hope that the Guides will so appreciate this gift, that they will some day send an English flag from English soil for them to carry beside their American banner.

A New Booklet

National Headquarters has recently published, chiefly for the use of the Field Department, a little booklet about Girl Scouts that is proving so useful in disseminating the gospel of scouting that it is anxious to share the benefit of it with local councils and scout leaders generally all over the country. The booklet is of a size to slip readily into an envelop, contains sixteen pages of interesting information, including seven illustrations. In it are reprinted the endorsements of Mr. Herbert Hoover, Cardinal Gibbons and Mr. Felix Warburg. A blank space on the cover permits the printing there if desired of the address of local Girl Scout headquarters that wish to use it in large quantities. The booklet will be supplied in quantities of not less than 100 at the rate of \$2.00 per hundred. A sample copy will be sent on request to any local council or local secretary.

Announcement About Uniforms

The Executive Board announces that no official change in the model of the Girl Scout uniform will be made for at least six months, and that, if at any future time a change should be made, the present uniform will still be considered official for all those girls who, at the time of the change, own such uniforms. The Executive Board voted to refer all matters having to do with possible changes in uniform to the Committee on Uniforms, which shall single out certain insignia to be considered essential. This committee, of which Mrs. Snowden Marshall is chairman, is made up of Mrs. Arthur Hartt, Miss Katherine B. Dabney, and Mrs. G. S. Huntington. Mrs. Juliette Low, and Dr. James E. Russell are ex-officio members of this as of all committees.

Scouting for Girls is Making Americans

GIRL Scouting as an influence for Americanization is having a definite demonstration in the work of Mrs. Ruth Litt, of East Patchogue, Long Island, who has recently organized a group of Italian girls as the Black Eyed Susan Troop.

East Patchogue is a small village, the center of a large Italian settlement. The village life is focussed around a lace factory, where the Italian girls, as soon as they reach the age of fourteen, are generally employed.

The parents of these girls, while willing to profit by their labor, were unwilling to permit them any deviation in recreation and amusement, from the strict Italian standard. They demanded that in an American community their daughters should live the life of a small Italian village.

The girls grew restive under the severe restraint put on their participation in the simple pleasures and activities of their American neighbors, and the parents grew increasingly severe in their methods of repression.

Mrs. Litt, a daughter of the American Revolution, and a woman of many civic interests, saw the need in the community of some influence that would tend to reconcile the old world ideas of the Italian parents and the new world ideas of their daughters.

She realized that the problem was one of education as much for the one generation as for the other. After looking into the activities of various organizations, she reached the de-

cision that the broad democratic principles and the elastic program of the Girl Scouts rendered it peculiarly adaptable to the requirements of the situation.

She sought first to inform and interest the parents in Scout activities, and then little by little to demonstrate these activities with the small group of girls chosen for her original patrol. Since the parents objected to camps, hikes, and similar out-door activity, Mrs. Litt secured the use of the school house for troop work. Basketball is played there, and picnics spread on the floor. To the delight of their parents the girls are learning the Italian folk dances. A domestic science teacher is giving them cooking lessons, and later in the season the parents will be invited to suppers of American dishes, cooked by their own daughters.

The result of Mrs. Litt's work, only a few of the details of which have been mentioned, has been to give to the parents a new understanding of American life and customs and to give the girls a larger measure of wholesome, happy freedom than they have ever before enjoyed. Best of all the bond between parents and children, sorely weakened by friction and lack of understanding, has been definitely strengthened.

The work of the girls as Scouts, while carried on with the least possible publicity, has so inspired and energized the girls of the neighborhood and nearby towns, that no less than a dozen troops are now in process of organization.

Conference on Brownies

At the invitation of the Field Committee an informal conference was held at National Headquarters recently to discuss the development of the scouting program for girls under ten years of age, now known as Brownies. An interesting and stimulating discussion brought out many points of view in regard to the name for and the activities of such groups. It was the consensus of opinion that a tentative program should be tried out experimentally before any attempt was made to formulate a permanent program. Scout leaders who have formed Brownie troops will confer a great favor by writing to the Director the result of their work, and their conclusions therefrom. Miss Caroline Lewis, the New York Local Director, was appointed chairman to carry out the suggestions of the conference. Others present offered to experiment with groups of children under various conditions. Those present at the conference were Mrs. John Henry Hammond, Mrs. Ada M. Locke, of the Froebel League, Miss Luella Palmer, Superintendent of Kindergartens of New York City, Miss Alice Beer of the Patriotic Service League, Dr. E. I. Goldwasser of the Hebrew Charities, Miss Dorothy Shupp, of Greenwich House, New York, Dr. William Rabenort, of Public School 55, New York, Mrs. Walter N. Rothschild and the chairman of the Field Committee.

Another Fellowship

Still another great university has opened its doors to graduate study in scouting for girls.

National Headquarters has the honor to announce a fellowship for five hundred dollars available for graduate study in the Social Sciences at New York University. This fellowship will be open for the second term of the school year beginning February 4, 1918, and continues for a year. Applications should be made at once to Dr. Jeremiah W. Jenks, Division of Public Affairs, New York University, New York.

Two points will be considered in awarding the fellowship: first, the scholastic standing of the applicant, preference being given to a college graduate, and second, all-round development of character of the applicant and interest shown in educational and allied subjects.

It is understood that the recipient of the fellowship will devote herself to study and practical work under the direction of the University and National Headquarters Girl Scouts.

All applications must be accompanied by a certificate from the registrar of the educational institution which awarded the diploma or degree previously received, by evidence of sound health, by an account of previous social work, statement of plans for future work, and testimonials as to ability and character.

Buffalo Troops Demonstrate Scouting

Every day, in one place or another, in one way or another the girlhood and boyhood of the nation are taking hold of American ideals and expressing them in active vigorous terms. An example of this expression is the Scout movement that is sweeping the country, and gaining interest and co-operation at every turn. In Buffalo recently, Miss Ada Gates, Commissioner in that city and member of the National Executive Board, spoke of the Girl Scout organization before a large audience at the open air meeting of the Graduates' Association. Her talk was followed by a Girl Scout demonstration led by Miss Miriam Raymond. As a demonstration of troop work, the girls recited the Scout laws and pledges, saluted the flag and signaled the letters of the alphabet. A patrol of eight girls then demonstrated team work. The patrol was divided into twos. The first couple was detailed to make a bed, the second to put arm, leg and rib bandages on a doll, the third to make trench candles, and the fourth to semaphore messages. The messages were entirely spontaneous and were sent and received with such precision and speed that the Boy Scouts present flashed the girls a message of congratulation, which was in turn interpreted with equal accuracy.

The Boy Scout exhibition followed. The boys made stretchers of their coats and carried their comrades from the field. They gave bugle calls, and as a last and most interesting feature of the program, they lighted a fire with the bare materials of the forest.

That such a demonstration is indicative of the strong hold that scouting has on the youth in and about Buffalo is further shown by the reports of many of the Girl Scout troops.

Troop 6 has been initiated into the art of photography. A kodak class has been formed which provides for a course in developing, printing and enlarging pictures.

Eager to show that they remember as well as ask remembrance, Forget-me-not Troop of Hamburg presented Mr. R. F. Douglas, former Boy Scout commissioner with a "Thanks Badge." The badge was given as an expression of gratitude for the fine work that Mr. Douglas did in promoting and organizing Girl Scout work in Hamburg. Mr. Douglas seemed to think that the Girl Scouts had shown unusual thoughtfulness in devising the "Thanks Badge" and expressed great pleasure in receiving it. Forget-me-not Troop remembers the boys "over there" in a way all its own. A chapter from "Over the Top" is read at each meeting and the girls show much interest in this close-up picture of the trenches.

The Kenimore Girl Scouts, of Buffalo, have divided their troop and now have a Junior Troop, composed of girls from ten to twelve years.

War Service Award Is Coming

It is on its way, a Girl Scout War Service Award.

National Headquarters, long alive to and appreciative of the work that the Girl Scouts have done in every field of war service, is preparing to give such service official recognition.

At the recent meeting of the Committee on Standards, a committee consisting of Mrs. Juliette Low, Mrs. Arthur Osgood Choate and Dr. Leland was appointed to design an emblem and to formulate a plan for its award. The committee has not had time to meet as yet, or even to talk things over informally, but the fact that there is to be an award, and soon, is such good news that THE RALLY cannot wait any longer to give it to the Girl Scouts and to their leaders.

Among the many services which Girl Scouts have performed, and which will be recognized in making the awards are: Red Cross work, including canteen service, knitting and the making of surgical dressings and hospital garments; Food Conservation, including gardening, canning, and all activities advised by the Food Administration; participation in patriotic financial campaigns, including the Liberty Loan and the raising of any authorized funds designed for the welfare of soldiers and sailors.

Captains and all scout leaders are urged to send to the Director at Headquarters any suggestions they may have as to plans for making this award, and the form the award should take.

A Notable Affiliation

National Headquarters announces with pleasure the participation of the organization Girl Scouts in the comprehensive plans of the United States Employment Service, Department of Labor, to minimize unemployment in the United States by bringing about a national co-operative system of employment. Twenty-five national women's organization are co-operating in this work, particularly with the new Women's and Girls' Division. This division has the avowed object of aiding in the placement of girls over sixteen years of age in carefully investigated opportunities, and of giving to those girls under sixteen as well as to those older who may desire it, all available information regarding industry, vocational guidance and industrial training.

Every postmaster in the United States can furnish full information about the practical working of this employment service offered by the United States Government to everyone in the country.

Girl Scouts have become a part of the educational system of Cincinnati, O., through a class in signaling organized by Miss Adelaide Barker, Scout Executive. This class, held at the Ninth Street Continuation School, is for girls who have passed their Tenderfoot tests. The instructors are supplied by the army.

Minneapolis Field Day

Girl Scouts of Minneapolis, 300 strong, including a delegation from St. Paul, held their annual Field Day on November 24. An exhibition drill was given on the Parade by three troops from Northrop School, in charge of Mr. Charles Case of the Civilian Auxiliary. The athletic contests were a three-legged race, relay race, one hundred-yard dash, and fifty-yard dash. For the indoor events, the scouts marched to Wells' Memorial House, where the bandaging race, knot-tying contests and the signalling contests were held. The champion knot-tyer was Edith Fristedt, of Iris Troop, the champion signallers, for 1916 and 1917, Mildred Clark and Wilhelmina Nolan of Daisy Troop.

Gentian Troop, Captain, Miss Helen Little, won thirty-two Proficiency Badges. Seven badges were won by one scout, Alice Bartel, in the following subjects: Child-Nurse, Invalid Cooking, Public Health, Interpreter, Musician, Naturalist, Needlewoman.

In all, sixty-seven Proficiency Badges were awarded by the Director. First Class badges were given to Arlene Wright, of Red Clover Troop, and Mae Hollister and Julia Payette, of Crocus Troop. On the recommendation of the Director and each girl's captain, sixteen Silver Medals of Merit were presented by the Commissioner, Miss Margaret Chapman. The following girls, by especially good conduct and faithful scout work, and by special services in the Red Cross work and recruiting, or high stand in lessons, qualified for the medals: Alice Albrecht, May Hollister, Julia Payette, Elizabeth Abbott, Eugenie Crosby, Margaret Crosby, Kitty Bartlett, Marguerite Casey, Lois Williams, Dorothy Christenson, Carol Shannor, Mildred Clark, Marie Kohler, Gladys Schaffer, Doris Weesner and Arlene Wright.

The prize for the best work in oakum-picking for the Red Cross, a First Aid kit, was given to Evelyn La Valey, of Crocus Troop.

The Leaders' Association has voted to hold another Field Meet in the spring, and to award the badges for the winter's work on a separate day.

Much of the success of the day was due to Mrs. Norman Christie, chairman of the Field Committee, and to the assistance of Miss Davenport, Miss Van Pyk and Miss Hostetler, captains and Mr. Mereness, the scoutmaster who judged the knot-tying.

Savannah Girl Scouts sent a box of knitted garments to Camp Devens, Mass., for the Georgia soldiers in training there.

Troops are reminded that February 1 is the date on which all troop news is due at the office of THE RALLY. THE RALLY wants to know all you have done for the past three months, especially all about your war work, your good turns and your honors. Report too, such methods of scout work as may prove suggestive and inspiring to other scouts. Do not forget. February 1 is the date. SEND IN YOUR NEWS.

Something in Store

Have you forgotten the part you took in the last Liberty Loan Campaign. We haven't forgotten it here at Headquarters. We haven't forgotten either the champions of sales or the champions of service. We've been turning it all over and over in our minds and every time we have thought about it our appreciation of your service has grown.

And now they tell us that another Liberty Loan drive is coming. Of course, you'll want to make your plans for it. Perhaps in some places, New York, for instance, you won't be able to do the actual selling of bonds. You'll have to work from another angle. Probably in another place you won't be able to help in just the way that New York scouts will help. You will each have to meet the problem of your own locality in ways devised by your own Captains.

But whatever work you do, whatever part you play, either as individuals or as troops be sure that your work will not go unnoticed.

You'll have to wait for the rest. You'll find it in the next RALLY. Of course you'll do your part anyway, you've done it right along without the slightest intimation of reward—but this next campaign, because it is the third, will take all the energy, tact and skill that you can muster. But with all the hard work will come the double joy of serving your country and winning new honors for your troop.

A Liberty Loan Star

Arbutus Troop of Big Rapids, Mich., Gladys I. Young, captain, is entitled to a place on the Liberty Bond Roll of Honor, with a special star besides, since the bond that this troop bought is to be presented to the Red Cross. The troop is selling service flags to help meet the payments on its bond. In four weeks thirteen dollars were raised for this purpose.

The Girl Scouts of Colorado Springs and Buffalo are to be congratulated on the splendid departments conducted by their leaders in the local newspapers. THE RALLY feels itself honored by the frequency with which the editors of these departments make use of material that has appeared in its pages.

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Girl Scout Songs

Tune—"Dixie Land"

By Lillian Sunden,

Flag Troop No. 12, Springfield, Mass.
All girls who live in U. S. A.
Come join the Scouts and thus be gay.
Work away, work away,
For the old U. S. A.,
The white for purity,
The blue for truth,
The red for deeds of strength and youth,
Work away, work away,
For the old U. S. A.

CHORUS

And thus we stand united,
Hurray, hurray,
To help and share,
To win and dare
For the U. S. A. forever,
Hurray, hurray,
The Girls Scouts' life forever.

Our flag shall never suffer wrong
While we remain united strong,
We'll work away, work away,
For the old U. S. A.
For our flag so dear,
No idle sorrow must be near;
Work away, work away,
For the old U. S. A.

Tune—"Over There"

By Anna Nelson,

Goldenrod Troop No. 3, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Girlies, do your bit, do your bit, do your bit,
Show a little grit, little grit, little grit,
Hear them calling you and me;
Every Girl Scout of liberty.
Hurry right away, no delay, go today,
To the Scout captains and to them say:
That you will sacrifice some time,
And try to save every dime.

CHORUS

Over here, over here, tell them all, tell them
all, over here
That a Girl Scout's duty, a Girl Scout's duty
Is to help them all over here.
So come in, so come in, to the Girl Scouts and
help them win.
In the Red Cross we're doing our bit,
And we will so long as we're living over here.

Girlies, do your bit, do your bit, do your bit,
Learn how to knit, how to knit, how to knit,
For the boys so good and true
Who love their Red, White and Blue.
Pack your little bag with needles and wool,
Knit a sweater, mittens, socks and all;
Make your brothers proud of you,
While they uphold their Red, White and
Blue.

Oak Troop Plays Lady Bountiful

Oak Troop 13, New York, was lucky enough to borrow a family to which it could play Lady Bountiful on Thanksgiving Day. Each member of the troop donated her chosen package to the basket, but only three Scouts were lucky enough to meet the family and have the fun of preparing the dinner.

At nine o'clock Thanksgiving morning, these three girls with their captain knocked at the door of a little third floor flat. The captain left in a few moments because she had other baskets to deliver, but the Scouts enjoyed for several hours the hospitality of their hostess and the happy generous way in which she turned her home and little family over to them. Even the eight-months-old baby upheld the family traditions and allowed himself to be fed and cuddled generally, while a boy and girl of scouting age proved entertaining companions. Each of the three Scouts had her share in cooking the dinner, setting the table and arranging the fruit. When the dinner was all ready the Scouts said a reluctant good-bye and left their new friends to the pleasure of their Thanksgiving dinner.

Troop No. 2, New York, raised ten dollars by giving a dance. The money was turned over to the Girl Scout Red Cross Work Room to be used for needles and other supplies. This troop also presented a large flag to the Seventy-ninth Street Neighborhood House, where it holds its meetings.

A New Year's Resolution

THE RALLY wants to have a little private heart to heart talk with Girl Scouts and Girl Scout leaders. THE RALLY is now four months old. You have said, many of you, that you like it, that it is stimulating and helpful to you in scout work and scout experience. You have been most generous in your expressions of approval, and THE RALLY is deeply appreciative.

But alas, it takes more than kind words to keep the wheels going round, to pay the printer and the man who sells postage stamps. In short, THE RALLY wants subscribers, and wants them badly, and it asks that every troop and as many captains, and two or three times as many scouts, pass a New Year's Resolution to make their first good turn of 1918 a full paid subscription to their own Girl Scout magazine. If you are a captain and receive THE RALLY anyway, then let us send your subscription to some one with whom the magazine will have a chance to do missionary work for Girl Scouts.

Every troop needs THE RALLY for its record. Scouts old and young need it for their information. THE RALLY needs you all, each and every one.

Resolved: As a good Girl Scout I will, before the week is done, send THE RALLY the sum of \$1.00 for a year's subscription.

News of the Troops

Arbutus Troop of St. Paul, Mrs. H. I. Drake, captain, has just made \$40 by giving two plays. The sale of tickets was so large that two performances had to be given. The proceeds bought forty Christmas bags for the soldiers at Fort Snelling.

Captain F. H. Weld, of U. S. Artillery, and his company have a fairy god-mother in the personnel of Red Rose Troop, Huntington, L. I. As Captain Weld is a summer resident of Huntington, the scouts feel an especial interest in his company, for which they made and completely fitted out sixty comfort bags. This special work is in addition to the regular hours spent weekly at local Red Cross Headquarters, where they make surgical dressings and trench candles.

Helen D. Baum, captain of Troop 27, Horace Mann School, New York, reports that the troop has contributed \$4 to the New York Sun Tobacco Fund for the American soldiers in France.

Lilly of the Valley Troop 1, Lawrenceburg, Ind., worked in conjunction with Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls and the Tri Kappa sorority to raise money for Christmas boxes for the soldiers of their town. In less than one week Girl Scouts sold more than 200 tickets for a show that the Kappa girls gave. Furthermore the scouts covered nineteen contribution boxes and placed them in stores and factories where these silent reminders gathered in many a penny. These energetic girls also took up an auto truck trip and a hike into the country to collect from out-of-towns folk. Their various efforts raised \$52.00.

A rummage sale was held by Troop 56, Philadelphia. Commissioner Schaffhauser says that the proceeds amounted to \$28.00, which will be used for troop work.

At the request of the Liberty Loan Committee, Girl Scouts of Salem, Mass., collected all posters of the second loan that were displayed in the store windows. The city was divided into districts and each troop was assigned to a special vicinity.

Mrs. Juliette Low, National President, attended the second annual rally of Thistle Troop, New Bedford, held early in December. Helen McWhinnie, the winner of twenty-eight proficiency badges, whose story is already familiar to readers of THE RALLY had the honor of receiving the Golden Eagle from the hand of the national president.

Washington Scouts obtained 2,000 signers to the Food Administration Pledge Card in the recent house to house canvass. These active troops made up more than a hundred Christmas bundles for soldiers, and as many scrap books.

Troop 4 of Philadelphia has done more than one good turn. It helped with minstrels and concerts to aid the building fund of the Bethany Temple Sunday School, and at Christmas time visited an Old Ladies' Home, carrying gifts of fruit and flowers, and a full measure of good cheer. This same troop finds one of its chief pleasures in hiking. It has enjoyed chestnut hikes, ice skating hikes, hikes of exploration and just every day good time hikes.

New York Girl Scouts on December 3 distributed 40,000 War Saving Stamp books.

Troop 26, Manhattan, gave a Thanksgiving party to Manhattan Troop 22. The troops enjoyed the fun of being together for their scout activities, games and dances. Refreshments added a bit of good cheer to the entertainment.

Troops Nos. 1, 4, 5, Savannah, Ga., made \$31 at a musical and Silver Tea for the benefit of the starving children of the Allied Nations. The classes for instructing Scouts in the various forms of war work are going bravely on, and many members have become proficient in marksmanship, signalling and carrying messages. The members of the messenger class, after three months' instruction, have passed the examination in both code and ordinary messages. Their names are enrolled with the Mayor of Savannah, and they hold themselves ready for a call to duty at any time.

Pansy Troop No. 23, of Washington, D. C., recently enjoyed a visit from its old captain, Miss C. Adelaide Barker, now Local Scout Director in Cincinnati, Ohio. The troop is busy making comforts for soldiers, especially trench candles, for which there is an unceasing demand. The troop has taken several interesting hikes, one to Glen Echo, once the home of Clara Barton, and another to the captain's cabin on the Potomac River. This was an all-night trip, which was great fun in spite of the fact that bad weather drove the girls indoors and forced all sixteen of them to sleep on the cabin floor.

Sunflower Troop No. 1, Scranton, Pa., assisted at an entertainment given to the Boy Scouts at the home of Colonel L. A. Watres, Pen-y-Bryn, on the Elmhurst Boulevard. It was a big undertaking for a troop of twenty girls to serve 800 boys, but this they did, giving them a generous supply of apples, crullers, "hot-dogs," cider and—good-will. They are good knitters as well as good house-wives and good financiers as well as knitters, having done splendid work during the Liberty Loan Campaign, and having secured \$200 in subscriptions to the Y. M. C. A. fund. Seventeen of their members have knitted twelve sweaters, fourteen scarfs, thirteen wristlets, five wash rags and six sponges. Besides this they have taken several hikes, one of eighteen miles, and are making scrap-books for the soldiers.

